

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A laser sintering powder comprising (a) at least one polyamide; and (b) titanium dioxide particles, and (c) at least one flow aid, wherein the at least one polyamide is nylon-6,12, nylon-11, nylon-12, or mixtures thereof.

Claims 2-3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The sintering powder as claimed in claim 1, comprising from 0.01 to 30% by weight of titanium dioxide particles based on total amount of the at least one polyamide present in the powder.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The sintering powder as claimed in claim 4, comprising from 0.5 to 15% by weight of titanium dioxide particles based on the total amount of the at least one polyamide present in the powder.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The sintering powder as claimed in claim 1, comprising a mixture of titanium dioxide particles and particles of the at least one polyamide.

Claim 7 (Original): The sintering powder as claimed in claim 1, comprising titanium dioxide particles incorporated within polyamide particles.

Claim 8 (Original): The sintering powder as claimed in claim 1, wherein the titanium dioxide particles are anatase particles, rutile particles or a mixture of anatase and rutile particles.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The sintering powder as claimed in claim 1, further comprising at least one ~~additional auxiliary or a filler~~.

Claim 10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The sintering powder as claimed in claim 9, ~~further comprising wherein the filler comprises~~ glass particles.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A process for preparing sintering powder as claimed in claim 1, comprising mixing at least one polyamide powder with titanium dioxide particles and at least one flow aid.

Claim 13 (Original): The process as claimed in claim 12, wherein mixing includes compounding the titanium dioxide particles into the polyamide powder.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A process for producing moldings comprising: selectively laser-sintering ~~the~~ a sintering powder ~~claimed in claim 1 comprising (a) at least one polyamide; and (b) titanium dioxide particles, wherein the at least one polyamide is~~ nylon-6,12, nylon-11, nylon-12, or mixtures thereof.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): A molding produced by laser sintering a powder which comprises titanium dioxide and at least one polyamide having a median particle size of from 40 to 250 μm , wherein the at least one polyamide is nylon-6,12, nylon-11, nylon-12, or mixtures thereof.

Claims 16-17 (Canceled).

Claim 18 (Original): The molding as claimed in claim 15, wherein the powder comprises from 0.01 to 30% by weight of titanium dioxide particles, based on the total amount of the polyamide present in the powder.

Claim 19 (Original): The molding as claimed in claim 18, wherein the powder comprises from 0.5 to 15% by weight of titanium dioxide particles based on the total amount of the polyamide present in the powder.

Claim 20 (Original): The molding as claimed in claim 15, wherein the titanium dioxide particles are anatase particles, rutile particles, or a mixture thereof.

Claim 21 (Original): The molding as claimed in claim 15, further comprising one or more fillers.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The molding as claimed in claim 21, wherein the one or more fillers are glass particles.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): A method of lowering sensitivity to thermal stress in a molding comprising at least one polyamide, the method comprising adding titanium dioxide to at least one polyamide powder in an amount sufficient to reduce the thermal sensitivity of a molding produced by laser sintering.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The laser sintering powder as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one polyamide has a median particle size of from 40 to 250 μm .

Claim 25 (New): The laser sintering powder as claimed in claim 1, wherein the flow aid is a precipitated and/or fumed silica.

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claims 1 and 12 have been amended by inserting the presence of a flow aid, as supported by Claim 10; Claim 10 has been canceled. Claim 9 has been amended by deleting the term "auxiliary". Claim 11 has been amended to be consistent with the amendment to Claim 9. Claim 14 has been amended into independent form, and thus its scope has not been changed. Finally, new Claim 25 has been added, as supported in the specification at page 4, line 20.

No new matter is believed to have been added by the above amendment. Claims 1, 4-9, 11-15, and 18-25 are now pending in the application.